basis in the drought prone areas of the State ; and

(d) if so what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allocation under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) for 1993-94 for Bihar is Rs. 29.99 crores. In addition, an allocation of Rs. 18.57 crores has also been made for 1993-94 for implementation of various schemes in Bihar. The normal and additional allocation is proposed to be utilised for the following schemes :—

Normal allocation	Amount in Rs. Lakhs
Purpose	
Coverage of 4455 villages by providing 8351 number of drilled tubewells and 9719 hand tubewells	2,371.758
Schemes for special repair of 10,137 hand tubewells and 1549 drilled tubewells and other repairs	584.799
TOTAL	2,956.557
Additional allocation	
Coverage of 1260 Tolas of Palamau, Garhwa, Chatra and Lohardagga districts by providing 1620 drilled tubewells	330.396
Provision/restoration of drinking water facilities in flood affected districts	500.00
Replacement of 3076 defunct drinking water sources in drought prone Central Bihar plains	696.63
Schemes being prepared for technical clearance	326.974
TOTAL	1,857.00

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of the scheme likely to be undertaken in the drought prone areas in the State are given in part (b) above.

Scarcity of Potable Water in Gujarat

*117. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : SHRI G. G. SWELL :

Will the PRIME MINSTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to scarcity of rains in Gujarat, the problem of acute water scarcity is likely to affect more than 5,000 villages ;

(b) if so, what are the plans to supply adequate water to people in the State ;

(c) whether it is a fact that cattlebreeders in Kutch and Saurashtra are migrating to get water for their cattle ;

(d) whether it is also fact that most of the middle and minor level dams meant for irrigation purposes are now reserved for drinking water purposes and yet drinking water problem remains unsolved ;

(e) whether in view of acute potable water crisis Government have requested the Irrigation Department to speed up the consruction of Sardar Sarovar Project ;

(f) whether it is a fact that agriculture has also suffered there tremendously : and

(g) whether Narmada waters would be available for drinking purpose to 135 cities and 8000 villages as projected and if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No report has been received from the State Government or any other agency about migration of cattle breeders in Kutch and Saurashtra to other areas.

(d) According to the National Water Policy, 1987, there should be a reservation for drinking water in all irrigation projects. The drinking water problem exists in 10 No Source problem villages of 1980/1985 survey and 176 partially covered villages in the State. This is being solved under the normal Plan programmes —State sector Minimum Needs Programme, activities under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission including Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme.

(e) The Central Government in the Ministry of Rural Development has not made any request to the Irrigation Department in the State to speed up the construction of Sardar Sarovar Project.

(f) No report nas been received that agriculture has suffered tremendously.

(g) According to the projection made by Gujarat Water Supply and Sewerage Board, 135 urban centres and 8215 villages are considered for providing water supply from the Narmada Canal System. No firm timeframe has been laid down as supply of drinking water will depend upon completion of different phases of the project.

Establishment of mobile Islamic courts

*118. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the deliberations of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, as reported in the press on 11th October, 1993;

(b) wheher the Board has declared that it would establish mobile Islamic courts to settle disputes in Muslim family matters ; and

(c) if so, how far the promotion of such courts would be in conformity with Article 44 of the Constitution for securing a uniform civil code throughout the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ: (a) Yes, Sir. Government have come across certain press reports about the meeting of the All-India Muslim Personal Law Board in Jaipur on 10th October, 1993;

(b) According to the press reports the Board has stated that it would be setting up mobile Islamic Courts to settle disputes in Muslim family matters ;

(c) In the absence of authentic information, it is not possible to say whether the reported decisions of the Board will be in conformity with article 44 of the Constitution.

Improved Chulhas

*119. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have embarked upon vigorous promotion of improved chulhas to tide over the current fuel crunch ;

(b) what are the targets set for the year 1994-95 and whether Government would consider promoting these chulhas in rural